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THE TENNESSEE COMMISSION ON FIRE FIGHTING  
PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION**

**CHAPTER 0360--3--1  
CLASSIFICATIONS FOR FULL-TIME AND VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS**

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**0360--3--1--.01 APPRENTICE RECRUIT FIRE FIGHTER.**

- (1) An Apprentice Recruit Fire Fighter is an individual recruited by a participating fire department after the date such department enters into the Commission's programs.
- (2) An Apprentice Recruit Fire Fighter shall serve a probationary period to demonstrate the willingness and ability to perform the duties demanded of a fire fighter at fires and other scenes of emergency, as well as the willingness and ability to perform the routine duties in the station and elsewhere as assigned. The length of the probationary period shall be determined by the local department.
- (3) An Apprentice Recruit Fire Fighter shall serve at least twelve (12) months in this classification or complete two-hundred forty (240) hours of formal entry level training which has the prior approval of the Commission before qualifying to become an Apprentice Fire Fighter I/Fire Fighter I.

**Authority:** T.C.A. 4--24--106 and 4--24--107. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed August 27, 1979; effective October 10, 1979. Amendment filed November 8, 1990; effective December 23, 1990. Repeal and new rule filed October 14, 1994; effective February 28, 1995.

**0360--3--1--.02 APPRENTICE FIRE FIGHTER I/FIRE FIGHTER I.**

- (1) An Apprentice Fire Fighter I/Fire Fighter I must successfully complete all of the requirements of Apprentice Recruit Fire Fighter as prescribed in these rules and regulations.
- (2) An Apprentice Fire Fighter I/Fire Fighter I must satisfactorily pass the examination(s) as promulgated by the Commission.
- (3) An Apprentice Fire Fighter I/Fire Fighter I shall serve at least twelve (12) months in the classification before qualifying to become a Journeyman Fire Fighter/Fire Fighter II.

**Authority:** T.C.A. 4--24--106 and 4--24--107. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed August 27, 1979; effective October 10, 1979. Amendment filed November 8, 1990; effective December 23, 1990. Repeal and new rule filed October 14, 1994; effective February 28, 1995.

**0360--3--1--.03 JOURNEYMAN FIRE FIGHTER/FIRE FIGHTER II.**

- (1) A Journeyman Fire Fighter/Fire Fighter II must successfully complete all of the requirements of Apprentice Fire Fighter I/Fire Fighter I as prescribed in these rules and regulations.
- (2) A Journeyman Fire Fighter/Fire Fighter II must satisfactorily pass the examination(s) as promulgated by the Commission.

**Authority:** T.C.A. 4--24--106 and 4--24--107. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed August 27, 1979; effective October 10, 1979. Amendment filed November 8, 1990; effective December 23, 1990. Repeal and new rule filed October 14, 1994; effective February 28, 1995.

**0360--3--1--.04 INCUMBENT PERSONNEL.**

- (1) Members of a participating fire department, on the date such department elects to participate in the Commission's programs, shall be classified as follows:
  - (a) each member having twelve (12) months or less of continuous employment with one or more departments shall be classified as an Apprentice Recruit Fire Fighter.
  - (b) each member having more than twelve (12) months, but less than two (2) years of continuous employment with one or more departments shall be classified as an Apprentice Fire Fighter I/Fire Fighter I.
  - (c) each member having two (2) years and less than five (5) years of continuous employment with one or more departments, upon successfully passing a performance examination and a Commission's written examination at this progression level, shall be certified as a Journeyman Fire Fighter/Fire Fighter II.
  - (d) each member having five (5) years of more of continuous employment with one or more departments upon successfully passing a Commission's written examination at this progression level, shall be certified as a Journeyman Fire Fighter/Fire Fighter II. The performance examination portion of the Journeyman Fire Fighter/Fire Fighter II level may be waived providing the participating fire department's Training Committee verifies the applicant has met the performance objectives of Journeyman Fire Fighter/Fire Fighter II. If this criteria cannot be met, the individual shall be classified as Apprentice Fire Fighter I/Fire Fighter I.
- (2) Once classified, incumbent members must meet the requirements for the next succeeding classification in the same manner as all other applicants.

**Authority:** T.C.A. 4--24--106 and 4--24--107. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed August 27, 1979; effective October 10, 1979. Amendment filed November 8, 1990; effective December 23, 1990. Repeal and new rule filed October 14, 1994; effective February 28, 1995.

**0360--3--1--.05 FIRE DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTOR I.** A fire department instructor I must successfully complete all of the requirements set forth in Rule 0360--2--2--.02, and be certified by the Commission.

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**0360--3--1--.06 FIRE DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTOR II.** A Fire Department Instructor II must successfully complete all of the requirements set forth in Rule 0360--2--2--.03, and be certified by the Commission.

*Authority:* T.C.A. 4--24--106 and 4--24--107. *Administrative History:* Original rule filed August 27, 1979; effective October 10, 1979. Amendment filed November 8, 1990; effective December 23, 1990. Repeal and new rule filed October 14, 1995; effective February 28, 1995.

**0360--3--1--.07 FIRE DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTOR III.** A Fire Department Instructor III must successfully complete all of the requirements set forth in Rule 0360--2--2--.04, and be certified by the Commission.

*Authority:* T.C.A. 4--24--106 and 4--24--107. *Administrative History:* Original rule filed August 27, 1979; effective October 10, 1979. Amendment filed November 8, 1990; effective December 23, 1990. Repeal and new rule filed October 14, 1995; effective February 28, 1995.

**0360--3--1--.08 FIRE DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTOR IV.** A Fire Department Instructor IV must successfully complete all of the requirements set forth in Rule 0360--2--2--.05, and be certified by the Commission.

*Authority:* T.C.A. 4--24--106 and 4--24--107. *Administrative History:* Original rule filed August 27, 1979; effective October 10, 1979. Amendment filed November 8, 1990; effective December 23, 1990. Repeal and new rule filed October 14, 1995; effective February 28, 1995.

**0360--3--1--.09 FIRE OFFICER I.**

- (1) A Fire Officer I must successfully complete all of the requirements of Journeyman Fire Fighter/Fire Fighter II as prescribed in these rules and regulations, and by Commission policy. (Reference 0360-6--1--.02).
- (2) A Fire Officer I must satisfactorily pass the examination(s) as promulgated by the Commission.

*Authority:* T.C.A. ••4--24--106 and 4--24--107. *Administrative History:* Original rule filed August 27, 1979; effective October 10, 1979. Amendment filed November 8, 1990; effective December 23, 1990. Repeal and new rule filed October 14, 1995; effective February 28, 1995.

**0360--3--1--.10 FIRE OFFICER II.**

- (1) A Fire Officer II must successfully complete all of the requirements of Fire Officer I as prescribed in these rules and regulations, and by Commission policy.
- (2) A Fire Officer II must satisfactorily pass the examination(s) as promulgated by the Commission.

*Authority:* T.C.A. 4--24--106 and 4--24--107. *Administrative History:* Original rule filed August 27, 1979; effective October 10, 1979. Amendment filed November 8, 1990; effective December 23, 1990. Repeal and new rule filed October 14, 1995; effective February 28, 1995.

**0360--3--1--.11 FIRE OFFICER III.**

- (1) A Fire Officer III must successfully complete all of the requirements of Fire Officer II as prescribed in these rules and regulations, and by Commission policy.
- (2) A Fire Officer III must satisfactorily pass the examination(s) as promulgated by the Commission.

*Authority:* T.C.A. 4--24--106 and 4--24--107. *Administrative History:* Original rule filed August 27, 1979; effective October 10, 1979. Amendment filed November 8, 1990; effective December 23, 1990. Repeal and new rule filed October 14, 1995; effective February 28, 1995.

**0360--3--1--12 FIRE OFFICER IV.**

- (1) A Fire Officer IV must successfully complete all of the requirements of Fire Officer III as prescribed in these rules and regulations, and by Commission policy.
- (2) A Fire Officer IV must satisfactorily pass the examination(s) as promulgated by the Commission.

**Authority:** T.C.A. 4--24--106 and 4--24--107. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed August 27, 1979; effective October 10, 1990. Amendment filed November 8, 1990; effective December 23, 1990. Repeal and new rule filed October 14, 1995; effective February 28, 1995.

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